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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

For the Examiner's information, listed U.S. Patent 5,855,933 is based on the same priority document as WO 94/08770. The applicants believe that Canadian patent 2,168,267 is an

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English-language counterpart of listed WO 95/03928. The applicants do not have on hand a copy of that Canadian patent. A copy will be furnished at the Examiner's request.

The following is a list of U.S. patents uncovered by applicants in a pre-filing computer search. The abstracts of these patents were reviewed and the patents do not appear to be relevant to the present invention. However, if the Examiner would like to review these patents in detail, the applicants will provide copies of them at the Examiner's request.

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If there any questions, please call the applicant's attorney named below. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the attorney named below at the address shown.

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